

Letter dated 25 October 1962 from the Governments of Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo (Brazzaville), Dahomey, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta, addressed to the Secretary-General

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The extreme seriousness of the international situation now being debated in the Security Council has not been overlooked by the members of the group of the Union of African and Malagasy States (UAM), which are deeply attached to the maintenance of peace and to the principle of peaceful negotiation as the only means of settling disputes between States.

It must be possible to arrive at a settlement of the dispute in question through negotiation before any irreparable act is carried out. We are persuaded that the anguish aroused throughout the whole world and the urgent appeals for a lessening of tension which are heard everywhere will find expression in positive action by the United Nations to which the opposing parties will be morally and legally obliged to submit.

We have followed with the greatest possible interest and keen satisfaction the efforts which you are making in this direction. We give our absolute support to your proposals, to which we should like to see added a guarantee of effective United Nations supervision of their implementation.

Our proposals are, more precisely:

- (1) Suspension of all shipments of arms to Cuba;
- (2) Suspension of quarantine measures against Cuba;
- (3) Supervision by the United Nations of the implementation of points 1 and 2;
- (4) Negotiations with a view to finding a lasting and just solution which will safeguard peace.

We ask you to be good enough to circulate this letter to the President and members of the Security Council as an official document coming from the Governments of the following twelve States:

Cameroon	Ivory Coast
Central African Republic	Madagascar
Chad	Mauritania
Congo (Brazzaville)	Niger
Dahomey	Senegal
Gabon	Upper Volta

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